

## REMARKS

Claims 43-45 and 47-50 remain in the case.

In response to the requirement to identify the claims applicant believes read on the elected invention and species, applicant states that claims 43, 44, 46, 47, 48, 49 and 50 read on the invention of Group I and Species A. Claim 43 is believed to be generic to Species A and B (Figure 5) and accordingly, if claim 43 is allowable, claim 45 (Species B) should also be examined. For the record, applicant believes that claims 43, 44, and 47-80 also read on Species B (Figure 5) and the Species of Figures 8 and 9.

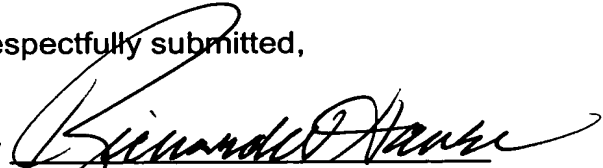
In reviewing the specification and drawings for the conformance with the selected species it became apparent that in several cases the drawings were inconsistent with one another and with the specification. Accordingly, applicant submits herewith the four sheets of drawings with suggested corrections shown in red. The lower bifurcated portion of the distal end 36 of the Figure 4 embodiment shows a red line that is intended to indicate a correction that will make that portion of Figure 4 consistent with the depiction of element 32a in Figure 7. The undersigned acknowledges that these re marked correction are not in conformance with the requirements for amending drawings, as set forth in the Revised Notice Flyer concerning the method of amendments. Amendments of the drawings will be made in accordance with the Flyer;s directions, but considering the shortened time to make this response the substitute sheets of drawings could not be obtained in time. The red corrections on the enclosed sheets may assist the examiner in understanding many of the amendments being made to the specification.

The specification has been reviewed and amended to make the specification consistent with the changes in the drawings. Some additional modifications to the specification have been ordered for better clarity and grammar. No new matter is included, wither in the changes to the specification or the drawings.

The foregoing amendments and arguments are believed to be a complete response to the Examiner's Action. An early action to pass the case to issue will be appreciated.

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